

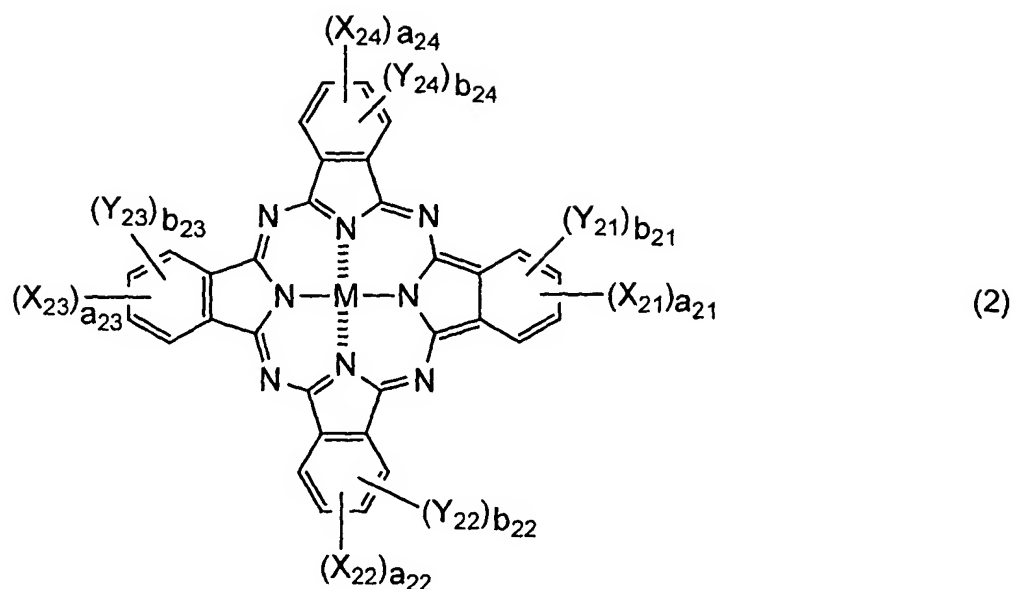
AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at the top of page 4 and ending with the third full paragraph on page 15 of the specification with the following amended paragraphs:

~~1. An~~ In a first aspect, the invention provides an ink for inkjet ~~(first aspect)~~ comprising an aqueous medium, at least one of dyes represented by the following formulae (1) to (4) dissolved or dispersed in the aqueous medium, and at least one of alkylene diols where one alkylene group has at least 3 carbon atoms or their homologues dissolved or dispersed in the aqueous medium:



wherein A_{11} and B_{11} each independently represent an optionally-substituted heterocyclic group; n is an integer selected from 1 and 2; L represents a substituent bonding to A_{11} or B_{11} at any desired position; when n is 1, L represents a hydrogen atom or a monovalent substituent; and when n is 2, L represents a single bond or a divalent linking group;



wherein X_{21} , X_{22} , X_{23} , and X_{24} each independently represent $-\text{SO}-Z_2$, $-\text{SO}_2-Z_2$, $\text{SO}_2\text{NR}_{21}\text{R}_{22}$, a sulfo group, $-\text{CONR}_{21}\text{R}_{22}$, or $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}_{21}$; Z_2 independently represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; R_{21} and R_{22} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group;

Y_{21} , Y_{22} , Y_{23} , and Y_{24} each independently represent a monovalent substituent;

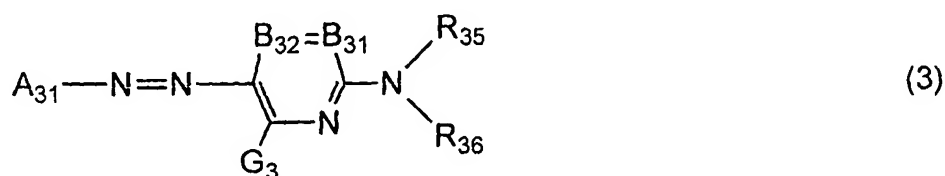
a_{21} to a_{24} , and b_{21} to b_{24} indicate the number of the substituents of X_{21} to X_{24} and Y_{21} to Y_{24} , respectively; a_{21} to a_{24} each independently represent a number of from 0 to 4, but all of

these are not 0 at the same time; b_{21} to b_{24} each independently represent a number of from 0 to 4;

and when a_{21} to a_{24} , and b_{21} to b_{24} are a number of 2 or more, then plural X_{21} 's to X_{24} 's

and Y_{21} 's to Y_{24} 's may be the same or different;

M represents a hydrogen atom, a metal atom or its oxide, hydroxide or halide;



wherein A_{31} represents a 5-membered hetero ring; B_{31} and B_{32} each represent $=CR_{31}-$ or $-CR_{32}=$,

or either one of them is a nitrogen atom and the other is $=CR_{31}-$ or $-CR_{32}=$; R_{35} and R_{36} each

independently represent a hydrogen atom, an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a heterocyclic

group, an acyl group, an alkoxycarbonyl group, an aryloxycarbonyl group, a carbamoyl group,

an alkyl or arylsulfonyl group, or a sulfamoyl group, and each group may be substituted; G_3 , R_{31}

and R_{32} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an aliphatic group, an

aromatic group, a heterocyclic group, a cyano group, a carboxyl group, a carbamoyl group, an

alkoxycarbonyl group, an aryloxycarbonyl group, a heterocyclic-oxycarbonyl group, an acyl

group, a hydroxyl group, an alkoxy group, an aryloxy group, a

heterocyclic-oxy group, a silyloxy group, an acyloxy group, a carbamoyloxy group, an

alkoxycarbonyloxy group, an aryloxycarbonyloxy group, an amino group, an acylamino group,

an ureido group, a sulfamoylamino group, an alkoxycarbonylamino group, an

aryloxycarbonylamino group, an alkyl or arylsulfonylamino group, a heterocyclic

sulfonylamino group, a nitro group, an alkyl or arylthio group, an alkyl or arylsulfonyl group, a heterocyclic sulfonyl group, an alkyl or arylsulfinyl group, a heterocyclic sulfinyl group, a sulfamoyl group, a sulfo group, or a heterocyclic-thio group, and each group may be substituted; R₃₁ and R₃₅, or R₃₅ and R₃₆ may bond to each other to form a 5- or 6-membered ring;



wherein A₄₁, A₄₂ and A₄₃ each independently represent an optionally-substituted aromatic or heterocyclic group; A₄₁ and A₄₃ are monovalent group, and A₄₂ is a divalent group.

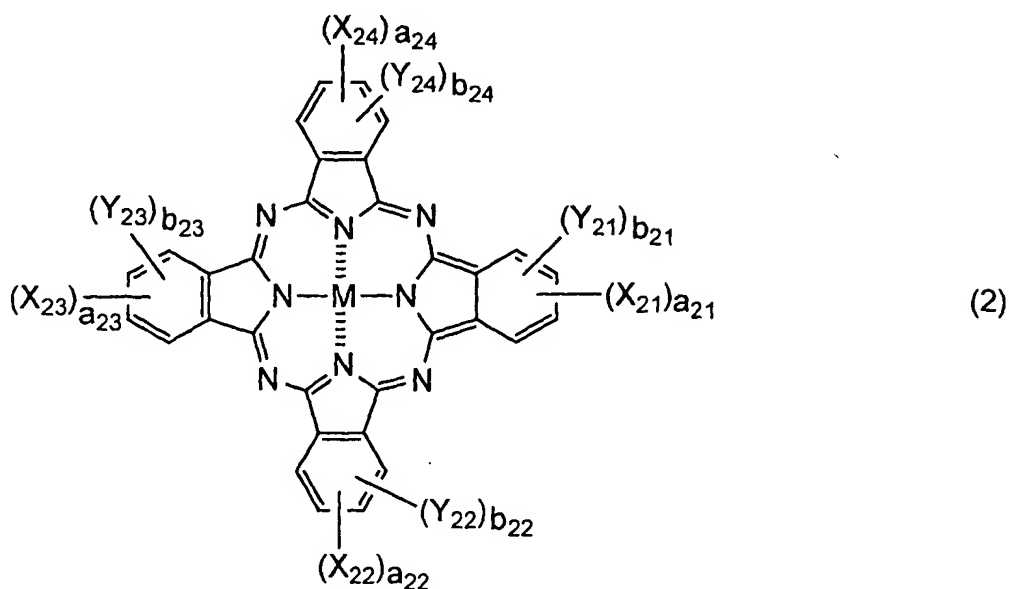
~~2. An~~ The first aspect of the invention includes an ink set for inkjet comprising at least one ink of claim 1, as described above.

~~3. An~~ In a second aspect, the invention provides an ink for inkjet (second aspect) comprising an aqueous medium, at least one of dyes represented by the following formulae (1) to (4) dissolved or dispersed in the aqueous medium, and at least one polymer compound dissolved or dispersed in the aqueous medium:



wherein A₁₁ and B₁₁ each independently represent an optionally-substituted heterocyclic group; n is an integer selected from 1 and 2; L represents a substituent bonding to A₁₁ or B₁₁ at any

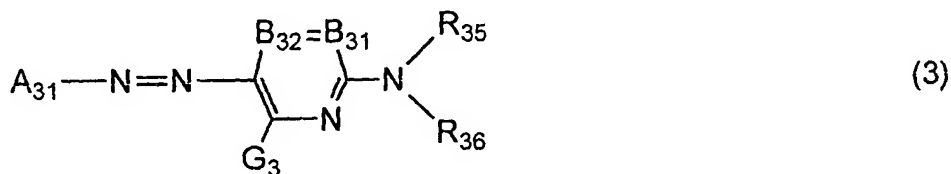
desired position; when n is 1, L represents a hydrogen atom or a monovalent substituent; and
 when n is 2, L represents a single bond or a divalent linking group;



wherein X_{21} , X_{22} , X_{23} , and X_{24} each independently represent $-\text{SO}-Z_2$, $-\text{SO}_2-Z_2$, $\text{SO}_2\text{NR}_{21}\text{R}_{22}$, a sulfo group, $-\text{CONR}_{21}\text{R}_{22}$, or $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}_{21}$; Z_2 independently represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; R_{21} and R_{22} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group;

Y_{21} , Y_{22} , Y_{23} , and Y_{24} each independently represent a monovalent substituent;

a_{21} to a_{24} , and b_{21} to b_{24} indicate the number of the substituents of X_{21} to X_{24} and Y_{21} to Y_{24} , respectively; a_{21} to a_{24} each independently represent a number of from 0 to 4, but all of these are not 0 at the same time; b_{21} to b_{24} each independently represent a number of from 0 to 4; and when a_{21} to a_{24} , and b_{21} to b_{24} are a number of 2 or more, then plural X_{21} 's to X_{24} 's and Y_{21} 's to Y_{24} 's may be the same or different; M represents a hydrogen atom, a metal atom or its oxide, hydroxide or halide;



wherein A_{31} represents a 5-membered hetero ring; B_{31} and B_{32} each represent $=CR_{31}-$ or $-CR_{32}=$, or either one of them is a nitrogen atom and the other is $=CR_{31}-$ or $-CR_{32}=$; R_{35} and R_{36} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a heterocyclic group, an acyl group, an alkoxycarbonyl group, an aryloxycarbonyl group, a carbamoyl group, an alkyl or arylsulfonyl group, or a sulfamoyl group, and each group may be substituted; G_3 , R_{31} and R_{32} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a heterocyclic group, a cyano group, a carboxyl group, a carbamoyl group, an alkoxycarbonyl group, an aryloxycarbonyl group, a heterocyclic-oxycarbonyl group, an acyl group, a hydroxyl group, an alkoxy group, an aryloxy group, a heterocyclic-oxy group, a silyloxy group, an acyloxy group, a carbamoyloxy group, an alkoxycarbonyloxy group, an aryloxycarbonyloxy group, an amino group, an acylamino group,

an ureido group, a sulfamoylamino group, an alkoxycarbonylamino group, an aryloxycarbonylamino group, an alkyl or arylsulfonylamino group, a heterocyclic sulfonylamino group, a nitro group, an alkyl or arylthio group, an alkyl or arylsulfonyl group, a heterocyclic sulfonyl group, an alkyl or arylsulfinyl group, a heterocyclic sulfinyl group, a sulfamoyl group, a sulfo group, or a heterocyclic-thio group, and each group may be substituted; R₃₁ and R₃₅, or R₃₅ and R₃₆ may bond to each other to form a 5- or 6-membered ring;



wherein A₄₁, A₄₂ and A₄₃ each independently represent an optionally-substituted aromatic or heterocyclic group; A₄₁ and A₄₃ are monovalent group, and A₄₂ is a divalent group.

~~4. The~~ This second aspect of the invention includes the ink for inkjet as claimed in claim 3 described above, wherein the at least one polymer compound is a latex dispersion.

~~5. The~~ Further, this second aspect of the invention includes the ink for inkjet as claimed in claim 3 described above, wherein the at least one polymer compound is a water-soluble polymer.

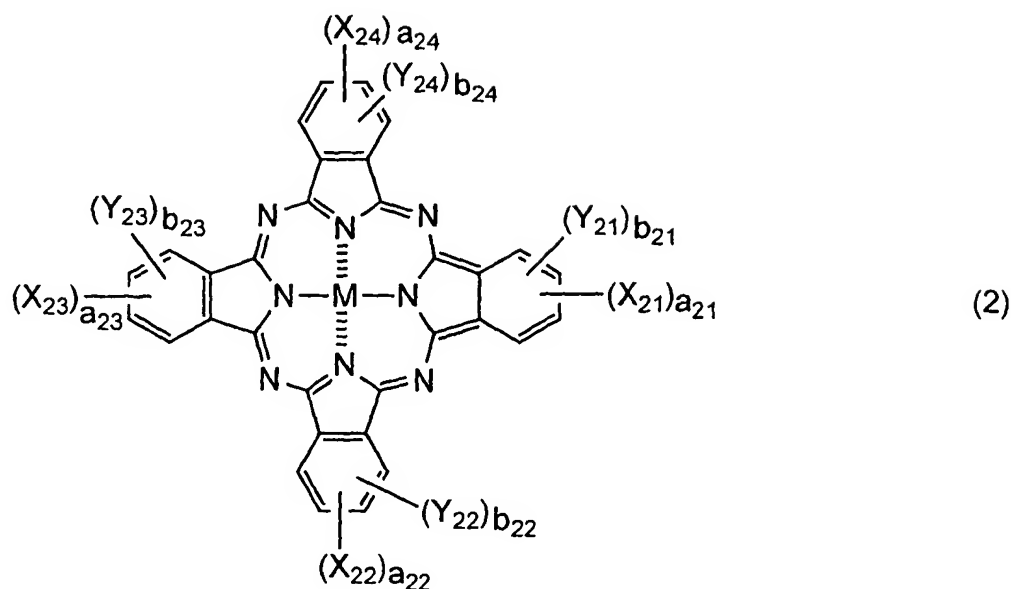
~~6. The~~ Further, this second aspect of the invention includes the ink for inkjet as claimed in claim 3 described above, wherein the at least one polymer compound has a cationic group.

~~7. An~~ Still further, the invention includes an ink set for inkjet comprising at least one ink of any of claims 3 to 6 as described in the preceding paragraphs relative to the first and second aspects of the invention.

~~8. An~~ In a third aspect, the invention provides an ink set for inkjet (third aspect)
comprising at least a first ink and a second ink, wherein
the first ink contains an aqueous medium and at least one of dyes represented by
the following formulae (1) to (4) dissolved or dispersed in the aqueous medium, and
the second ink contains at least one compound capable of interacting with the at
least one of dyes represented by the following formulae (1) to (4) dissolved or dispersed in the
aqueous medium:



wherein A_{11} and B_{11} each independently represent an optionally-substituted heterocyclic group; n is an integer selected from 1 and 2; L represents a substituent bonding to A_{11} or B_{11} at any desired position; when n is 1, L represents a hydrogen atom or a monovalent substituent; and when n is 2, L represents a single bond or a divalent linking group;

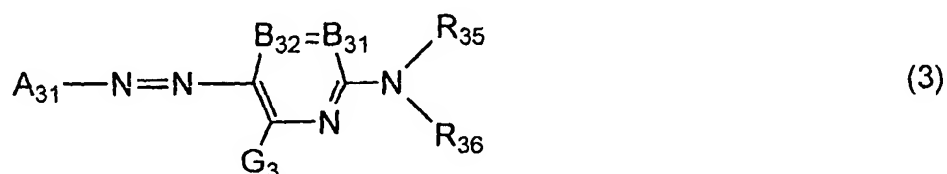


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Y_{21} , Y_{22} , Y_{23} , and Y_{24} each independently represent a monovalent substituent;

a_{21} to a_{24} , and b_{21} to b_{24} indicate the number of the substituents of X_{21} to X_{24} and Y_{21} to Y_{24} , respectively; a_{21} to a_{24} each independently represent a number of from 0 to 4, but all of

these are not 0 at the same time; b_{21} to b_{24} each independently represent a number of from 0 to 4;
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wherein A_{31} represents a 5-membered hetero ring; B_{31} and B_{32} each represent $=CR_{31}-$ or $-CR_{32}=$,
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alkoxycarbonyloxy group, an aryloxycarbonyloxy group, an amino group, an acylamino group,
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~~9. The~~ This third aspect of the invention includes an ink set for inkjet as claimed in claim 8 described above, wherein the compound capable of interacting with the dye is a polyvalent metal salt.

~~10. The~~ Further, this third aspect of the invention includes an ink set for inkjet as claimed in claim 8 described above, wherein the compound capable of interacting with the dye is a polycationic compound.

~~11. An~~ Still further, the third aspect of the invention includes an inkjet recording method with an ink set of any of claims 8 to 10 as described in the preceding paragraphs comprising a step of forming an image with the first ink and a step of applying the second ink onto the image.